

## NEITHER TO MAKE MOVE

Council Must Act on Street Cars Carrying Mails.

### THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE

Would Not Benefit Either the Post Office or the Management of the Trolley Lines—Some Interviews.

There has been no new development in the movement to have the mails transferred between the general postoffice and sub-stations since the exchange of letters between Postmaster Wray T. Knight and General Manager S. W. Huff, of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company. Postmaster Knight yesterday stated to a Times-Dispatch reporter that he did not know of anything that could be done until the Council took such action as was necessary to permit the Passenger and Power Company to contract with the Federal government. He anticipated, however, that the Council would take the matter up without delay. Mr. Knight assumed, however, that the Council would pass an ordinance in the nature of an amendment to the franchise of the company so as to permit such a contract.

**PEOPLE WOULD BENEFIT.** Certainly, he said, the citizens of Richmond and suburbs would be the beneficiaries rather than the trolley company, which would derive but little from the contract. When asked if he personally would urge action by the Council along the line indicated, he stated that he would not, and did not suppose it would be necessary.

**Captain A. B. Gulgon, counsel for the Passenger and Power Company, when asked that the company would not lift a finger to secure action by the Council, which, he said, would have to be in the nature of an ordinance amending the franchise, the company's attitude, he said, was simply one of willingness to contract with the Postoffice Department if the obstacles in the way were removed.**

**ACT ON OWN INITIATIVE.** The Council must remove them on its own initiative. Captain Gulgon further stated that the proposition in the matter came from the postmaster without suggestion from the Passenger and Power Company, just as it was printed. When asked why the company would not itself apply to the Council for the necessary ordinance, he said that there were some people who might suspect an ulterior motive on the part of the company in taking any such action, whereas as a matter of fact there was not. If the people wanted the mails carried on the cars and the mail service accelerated the Council could act on its own initiative. The company would not do so.

This is the present status of the matter. It is now up to the Council to say what it is going to do about it. In any event the company would be subject to the authority of the city in carrying out the terms of its franchise. It would be necessary to run only four or five cars as mail cars, and would not affect the passenger service in any way.

### DR. EGGLESTON ELECTED

Chosen Member of Faculty of Correspondence School Notes.

Rev. Dr. R. B. Eggleston, of this city, has been elected a member of the faculty of the Correspondence School of the Central University of Indianapolis, to be resident in Richmond. The University recently conferred the degree of Ph. D. upon Dr. Eggleston.

Rev. and Mrs. S. R. Gammon, missionaries to Brazil, who have recently been in this city, have been invited by the churches of Fort Worth, Presbytery, Texas, to visit the churches of the Foreign Missionary Union of the Presbytery and as many churches as possible. All arrangements have been made for their visit.

The Rev. R. J. Campbell, pastor of the City Temple, in succession to Joseph Parker, will visit America in May and remain until July, and will take part in the Northfield Conference.

Mr. R. B. Magill, business superintendent of the Publication Committee, has been elected a ruling elder of the Church of the Covenant.

### VISITED SEMINARY

Committee Well Pleased With Condition of the Institution.

A committee of "visitors" has just made an annual inspection of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville. The committee was composed of the Rev. Dr. Thomas S. Dunaway, late of this city; Governor W. J. Northington, and President John W. Greene, of Williams College, of Mississippi.

The report of the visitors will be submitted at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees. From letters received here it is understood that they were wonderfully well pleased with the condition of the Seminary.

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Reports received in this city bring the news, gratifying to all the Presbyterian churches of the community, that the treasurers of the church benevolent agencies have closed their annual account and find themselves out of debt and with something in advance. On all hands excellent reports will be submitted at the meeting of the Assembly next month.

### RICHMOND BOARDS.

Three of the church boards are located in this city and all three will have something good to say for themselves. The Committee on Publication has had a splendid year. The treasurer has paid all obligations due and has a goodly sum with which to enter upon the new church year. "The March collection for publication," for the Sunday-school Mission and other benevolent work, has been an improvement on past years.

For the first time in the history of the church, perhaps, the Ministerial Relief Fund, managed by a committee which has headquarters here, has paid out full the sums promised to its beneficiaries. This is a most gratifying circumstance.

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